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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Short and Keller
Serial No.: 09/685,432
Filed: October 10, 2000
Title: HIGH THROUGHPUT SCREENING FOR SEQUENCES OF INTEREST

Art Unit: 1639
Examiner: Jon D. Epperson

Commissioner for Patents
Attn: Examiner Jon D. Epperson
Group Art Unit No. 1639
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a Response to the Supplemental Restriction Requirement mailed on January 6, 2003.

The requested extension is for Four (4) Months, extending the period for response from February 6, 2003 to June 6, 2003.

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, May 20, 2003, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Attn: J.D. Epperson, Group Art Unit No. 1639, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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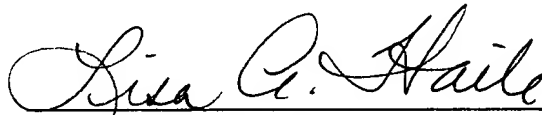
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Enclosed is Check No. 536921 in the amount of \$725.00 for the Four (4) Months Extension of Time fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other required fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A copy of this Petition Sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 20, 2003



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